

Patent Claims

1.-9. (cancelled)

10. (new) A method for providing resources in a communication network having communication components which use resources in the network and/or which provide resources in the network for use, the method comprising:

providing the resources by a software running on the communication components, wherein the software has access to the hardware of the communication components;

checking by a service, upon use of a resource of a first communication component by a second communication component, whether the second communication component can also provide the resource; and

initiating the transfer of the software from the first communication component to the second communication component and providing the resource for use if the result of the checking is positive.

11. (new) The method as claimed in claim 10, wherein the service is installed as software on the communication component which is to be checked.

12. (new) The method as claimed in claim 10, wherein the software for resources which are used rarely or not at all is deactivated or uninstalled and is reactivated or reinstalled when needed again.

13. (new) The method as claimed in claim 11, wherein the software for resources which are used rarely or not at all is deactivated or uninstalled and is reactivated or reinstalled when needed again.

14. (new) The method as claimed in claim 10, wherein the step initiating the transfer of the software depends on authorization and/or a limit.

15. (new) The method as claimed in claim 11, wherein the step initiating the transfer of the software depends on authorization and/or a limit.

16. (new) The method as claimed in claim 12, wherein the step initiating the transfer of the software depends on authorization and/or a limit.

17. (new) The method as claimed in claim 13, wherein the step initiating the transfer of the software depends on an authorization and/or a limit.

18. (new) The method as claimed in claim 14, wherein the authorizations are provided by the user of the communication component which transfers the software and/or by the user of the communication component which receives the software.

19. (new) The method as claimed in claim 14, wherein the limiting is provided by a prescribed maximum number of software licenses on the software which is to be transferred.

20. (new) The method as claimed in claim 18, wherein the limit is provided by a prescribed maximum number of software licenses on the software which is to be transferred.

21. (new) The method as claimed in claim 10, wherein the service formed by a software with a first release compares the release upon finding a second service of the same type which is formed by a software with a second release and, if the releases are different, initiates the transfer of the software with the more up-to-date release to the communication component having the software with the earlier release and uses the transferred software to update the software with the earlier release there.

22. (new) The method as claimed in claim 11, wherein the service formed by a software with a first release compares the release upon finding a second service of the same type which is formed by a software with a second release and, if the releases are different, initiates the transfer of the software with the more up-to-date release to the communication component having the software with the earlier release and uses the transferred software to update the software with the earlier release there.

23. (new) The method as claimed in claim 12, wherein the service formed by a software with a first release compares the release upon finding a second service of the same type which is formed by a software with a second release and, if the releases are different,

initiates the transfer of the software with the more up-to-date release to the communication component having the software with the earlier release and uses the transferred software to update the software with the earlier release there.

24. (new) The method as claimed in claim 14, wherein the service formed by a software with a first release compares the release upon finding a second service of the same type which is formed by a software with a second release and, if the releases are different, initiates the transfer of the software with the more up-to-date release to the communication component having the software with the earlier release and uses the transferred software to update the software with the earlier release there.

25. (new) The method as claimed in claim 18, wherein the service formed by a software with a first release compares the release upon finding a second service of the same type which is formed by a software with a second release and, if the releases are different, initiates the transfer of the software with the more up-to-date release to the communication component having the software with the earlier release and uses the transferred software to update the software with the earlier release there.

26. (new) The method as claimed in claim 10, wherein the checking by the service is automatically performed at regular intervals of time and/or whenever a resource is used and/or after manual activation.

27. (new) The method as claimed in claim 11, wherein the checking by the service is automatically performed at regular intervals of time and/or whenever a resource is used and/or after manual activation.

28. (new) The method as claimed in claim 12, wherein the checking by the service is automatically performed at regular intervals of time and/or whenever a resource is used and/or after manual activation.

29. (new) The method as claimed in claim 14, wherein the checking by the service is automatically performed at regular intervals of time and/or whenever a resource is used and/or after manual activation.